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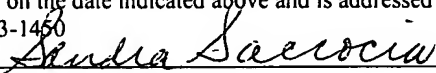
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir,

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments in the above-referenced patent application:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.